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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment, prior to examination, in the

above-identified patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 7, at line 3, please delete the present description of FIG. 30 and substitute

the following:

--FIGS. 30A-E shows a diagrammatic view of data flow between database

servlets in the FIG. 2 system. --

At page 64, at line 7, please delete the present paragraph and substitute the

following:

-- As shown in FIGS. 30A-E, each database server 208 includes a number of

servlets 2801 that perform specific tasks on the database server 208. Perform query